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TO : ARA - Mr. Holland

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SUBJECT: Proposed Congressional Investigations and Speeches Concerning Communism in Guatemala

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The following proposed Congressional inquiries and speeches concerning Communism in Guatemala have come to our attention:

1. Inquiry by the House Select Committee on Communist Aggression (Rep. Charles J. Kersten, R., Wisc., Chairman). ARA submitted a memorandum on this subject to the Acting Secretary on April 20.

2. Speech by Senator Wiley, Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Julius Cahn, Counsel for the Committee, requested speech material of Mr. Burrows last month. Mr. Cahn said there was no urgency and agreed that such a speech should not be given until Ambassador Peurifoy had left Washington. Mr. Fisher is preparing speech material for transmittal to Mr. Cahn.

3. Speech by Senator Smathers (D.,Florida). According to Mr. Atwood, Senator Smathers is considering making a speech drawing certain comparisons between the Communist problem in Indo-China and the Communist problem in Latin America, in which there will be mention of the Guatemalan situation, among others.

4. Inquiry by the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security (Sen. William Jenner, R., Ind., Chairman).

5. Inquiry by "the appropriate agencies of the Government" into (1) Communism, and (2) extent to which Guatemalans imposed unjustified increases in the price of coffee. (S. Res. 211, introduced by Sen. Smith, R., Maine.)

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